

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Minoru TESHIGAWARA) : Examiner: Brandon Hoffman
Application No.: 09/879,994) : Group Art Unit: 2136
Filed: June 14, 2001) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND) January 12, 2007
APPARATUS AND IMAGE) :
PROCESSING SYSTEM)

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir.

In response to the final Office Action dated October 13, 2006, please amend the application as follows: